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SAD 44 Central Office moves in July to new location on Parkway

By ALISON ALOISIO

For at least the next five years, the SAD 44 Central Office will be located at the Norway Savings Bank in Bethel.

The School Board Monday approved a five-year lease with the bank for 1,900 square feet of space. By moving out of the current location at the former Ethel Bisbee School, the district will save an estimated \$15,000 to \$18,000 a year, according to Superintendent Dave Murphy.

The arrangement starts in July, he said, and will "give us time to see how things play out as far as the district as a whole goes."

Because of another anticipated drop in state aid for next year, the board is expected to consider closing the Andover and Woodstock elementary schools, and moving

those pupils to the Crescent Park Elementary School.

That possibility, combined with other factors, could leave the remaining district buildings too tight on space to accommodate the Central Office, he said.

"We've looked across the district and there are a lot of decisions that this board is going to have to make over the next six months or so that are going to involve other facilities and programs," Murphy told directors. "We're required to add a special-education program that would be housed in this building (Telstar), so at this point in time there would not be adequate space here, or at Crescent Park in the event you made other decisions that would impact that facility."

"And it's too early to speculate," he said.

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Initial monthly rate for the space (including utilities) will be just under \$900 a month.

Backpack or jacket LEDs will light kids at bus stops

By ALISON ALOISIO

In an effort to make elementary pupils more visible as they get on school buses at dawn, SAD 44 plans to give them flashing LED lights to clip to their backpacks or jackets.

The move is part of a multi-step safety effort known as "Be Safe, Be Seen," Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board Monday.

Parents would remind their children to turn the lights on when they head to the bus stop and, once they on the bus, the driver would remind the youngsters to turn them off.

The campaign also encourages parents to have children wear light-colored clothing, stand in groups at bus stops and be sure to stand at least

10 feet back from the roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop.

The effort is the brainchild of Ron Deegan, SAD 44's transportation supervisor.

He said Wednesday that bus drivers had been telling him that because of darkness, dips in the roads, overhanging trees and other factors, children waiting by the road in the morning are difficult to see.

The LED lights have been purchased, he said, and are expected to arrive this week.

The cost to the district will be minimal, said Deegan, because he expects some financial help from parent organizations at the schools.

"I have a commitment from one school, and others are working on it," he said.

Sunday River will host gay and lesbian weekend

By TERRY KARKOS, Sun Media Group

In collaboration with OutRiders, a New England gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender ski and snowboard club, Sunday River Ski Resort will host "White Out Weekend" next month.

Resort spokeswoman Darcy Morse said Thursday that the ski area will dedicate four days to the gay and lesbian community Feb. 10-13.

"This will be the first year for this event, but it has been something we've been looking into for sometime now," Morse said.

"We wanted to make sure that we were working with a really well-known, reputable group such as OutRiders first, and with that in place, we're really excited to turn this into an annual event," she said.

"The weekend features 'drag' races where skiers and riders can showcase their divine selves, après rendezvous get-togethers, an '80s dance party, and an Angels and Demons party with Provincetown's D.J. Maryalice at The Peak Lodge," Morse said.

Other activities over that weekend include 12-hour skiing and riding on Feb. 11 and 12, Zipline Tours and fireworks.

For a complete schedule and more information or to register, visit www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2754.

Learning Nordic racing's finisher's flourish



More than 140 girls ages 9 to 19 turned out at Gould Academy Sunday for the "Fast and Female" 2011 U.S. X-Country Ski Festival. Fast and Female is based in Alberta, Canada and is dedicated to the empowerment of young women through sport, according to the website of the New England Nordic Ski Association. Held in Alaska the first two years, the festival this year included ski drills and presentations led by Olympians and current U.S. Cross-Country Ski Team athletes Caitlin Compton, Morgan Arritola, Liz Stephen and Holly Brooks. Skiers played tag, practiced race techniques, navigated a brief course down a short hill and took part in other drills. Here, a young participant practices extending a ski at a race "finish line."

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Greenwood Planning Board rescinds three of Round Pond Station's permits

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Round Pond Station, a waterfront vacation rental in Locke Mills advertised on the Internet as accommodating up to 20 guests, will soon have a different sort of visitor.

The Greenwood code enforcement officer will begin making unannounced calls, to check that RPS is accommodating no more than five paying guests, Town Manager Kim Sparks said.

The decision follows a vote by the town Planning Board to rescind three of the four permits under which RPS owner Jonathan Wells has been operating since 2007.

Wells can still rent to groups

contacted following the vote, owner Jonathan Wells expressed surprise, saying he believed a compromise agreement had been reached and awaited only final paperwork.

appropriate to the size of the main house on the property, as can any private property owner, Town Manager Kim Sparks told the selectmen last week, but the permits that allowed him to also offer accommodations in a remodeled garage and caboose on the property have been rescinded, as has the permit allowing him

to operate a commercial business in the limited-residential shoreland zone where RPS is located.

The permits were granted by the Planning Board in October 2006, after several months of discussion regarding changes which Wells, who had not applied for the required permits, had been making to the

property since purchasing it in 2000.

The changes were brought to the town's attention primarily by neighbors.

In a six-page, single-spaced summary of events and decisions leading to the current situation, the town's attorney, Al Perry, wrote: "During the summer of 2006, neighbors became concerned that the activities at the property that they were observing were inconsistent with the activities typically associated with a family's use of summer camp properties. Neighbors had witnessed a significant escalation

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What Woodstock resources are worth saving?

By ALISON ALOISIO

Will the roadside spring always be there?

Can access to snowmobile trails be ensured for the future?

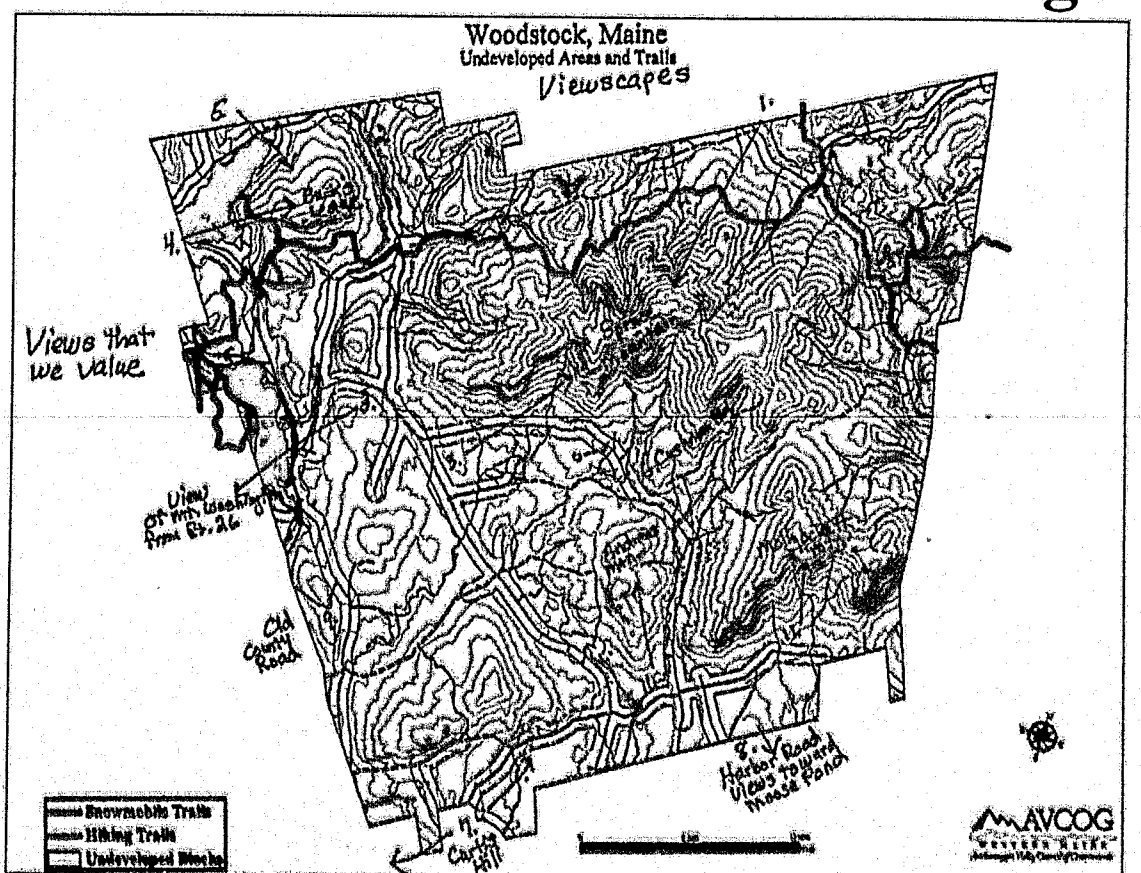
Is there a way to preserve farmland that has been in a family for generations?

Will the scenic views endure?

Woodstock residents concerned about such things may find the answers through conservation easements, farm preservation or tree growth programs, town forests, or, in some cases, land purchase with help from grant funds.

And the town as a whole can

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VIEWSCAPES FROM WOODSTOCK'S ROADS—on a map presented at Tuesday's commission meeting, Conservation Commission member Jane Chandler noted viewscapes she considers worth preserving.



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Letters

WINTERFEST IS COMING

To the Editor:
The preparation for the 2011 Bethel WinterFest, presented by Norway Savings Bank, is well underway and we are excited about the schedule of events that provides for winter fun for everyone! The event runs from Saturday, Jan. 22, to Sunday, Jan. 30. A full list of events can be found by going to www.bethelwinterfest.com.
Highlights of the coming festival include: Greenstock Snowmobile Club free snow-groomer rides, organized group ride, and hopefully an antique snowmobile exhibit; Scenic helicopter rides from the Bethel Airport on both weekends, weather permitting; Maine Street Rail Jam on Thursday night, Jan. 27; Snowshoe demonstration on Saturday, Jan. 23; alpine and Nordic skiing events at several venues; inside events at the Bethel Historical Society and throughout the area; and a celebration of Mt. Abram Resort's 50th Anniversary on the final weekend.
Owens Corning will have an exhibit on Festival Plaza for the entire duration of the festival. They will be showcasing their replacement windows and their insulated panel systems – all in a self-contained trailer. They invite everyone to come and check it out, and enter their drawings for a house full of replacement windows and a finished basement or garage system installed and fully furnished. Businesses and non-profits throughout the area are invited to add new events to our schedule. Please contact the chamber office.
The ice skating and the Ice Mountain are the centerpiece of the event, and can be enjoyed throughout the winter. Specific events on the ice mountain are pending and will be announced when they are confirmed.
The Winterfest committee of volunteers is to be commended for their tireless efforts to put the pieces in place for all to enjoy.
Please be assured that the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is totally committed to safety. We would like to publicly thank the following volunteers and committee members who have helped to date: Jim Sysko, Jim and Robin Bennett, Joan and Bob Westfall, Ed Bennett, Ivory Currier, Doug Zinchuk, Phil Ottone, Matt Morin, Eric Paul, Nate Clukey, Jonathan Goldberg, Steve Etheridge, Ellie Andrews and Kevin Rosenberg. A giant thanks to Bancroft Contracting, Coleman Concrete, FW Webb, Western Maine Steel, Marden's Surplus and Salvage, East Coast Rent-a-Fence, Pat's Pizza, Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar and the Good Food Store, all who have donated products and services to date. Sponsors who have provided financial support for the event are Norway Savings Bank, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Owens Corning, Bennett Automotive, Brooks Bros, Inc., Pat's Pizza, Sudbury Inn, Smokin' Good BBQ – we would not be able to do this event without them – thanks!
The Maine Street Rail Jam is seeking volunteers to help with road guarding for the entire time period – from set-up, ongoing through the event, and clean-up. Please contact Nate Clukey if you are willing to help. A separate letter outlining specifics about that event will appear in next week's edition of The Bethel Citizen.
The Bethel Winterfest represents a sampling of all the wonderful facets of winter here in the Bethel region. We invite you to come out and enjoy what our committee, sponsors, donors and winter venues have prepared for you.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

COYOTE CONTROL

To the Editor:
Many complain of the coyote population, its damage to livestock and our deer herds. Five members of the Carrabassett Valley Trappers removed 78 coyotes from the woods this fall. While this may seem like a large amount, it isn't. The coyote population remains high in the areas trapped; but many more deer will make it through another winter because of their efforts.
These coyotes were taken during the early canine season that starts approximately two weeks prior to the beginning of the deer hunting season.
The trappers stop most of their coyote trapping with the beginning of deer season, simply because a few hunters have a habit of shooting coyotes in traps. There are approximately 2,000 licensed trappers in the state of Maine, most of which stop the bulk of their coyote trapping with the start of deer season.
The act of interfering with trapping is against the law.
If caught an individual may lose their right to hunt and pay large fines, along with the loss of all licensing done by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.
Trappers can't afford to run trap lines with the gas prices of today and the value of furs down from what they were just a few years ago if other users of the out of doors damage their furs and equipment.
Imagine the coyotes these five trappers could take if they trapped the whole trapping season. The growing predator populations along with several recent bad winters have hurt our game populations which will take many years to recover. Trappers are the farmers and hunters best bet in the control of coyotes.
The Carrabassett Valley Trappers are an independent group of trappers. Most are life members of the Maine Trappers Association (MTA) and urge all trappers to join the MTA.

Dave Miller
Lexington Twp., Maine

SCHOOL-CLOSING CONCERNS

To the Editor:
As a parent and taxpayer I have questions and concerns about the possible closing of Woodstock and Andover elementary schools.
If we close these schools will the quality of our children's education improve?
What will the student-teacher ratio be? How do the teachers feel about this?
Crescent Park is on a monitor list. What are the District's plans to rectify this before adding more students to the school?
Will these closures impact middle school performance?
At what point do we outgrow Crescent Park? If we reach that point, what is the plan and at what cost to taxpayers?
What will happen to our property values when we have one elementary school to cover a vast area?
What are the transportation routes? What are the drop-off and pick-up times for outlying area?
I am concerned that the quality of education will not improve but suffer. Smaller classrooms are a key to success. After volunteering at Woodstock Elementary for the past four years I see how hard a teacher must work to keep each student motivated to achieve. The school is expertly run by a dedicated staff and the student-teacher ratio is manageable, the result of consistently high test scores by the students.
I have been a nurse for 22 years. The past 17 have been spent in emergency rooms. I have seen a lot of changes in the area. Many of these changes have not been for the better. There are many serious problems a teacher has to deal with every day. For many reasons teachers spend more time with a lot of kids than parents/caretakers do. They need the time and resources to do this. Smaller classrooms allow this and prevent issues from impacting the whole class.
I am concerned property values will drop as a result of having one school to cover a big district. At this point Crescent Park seems to have all it can handle. I am also concerned about the ability to attract and keep families in the area. There are house lots for sale all over Woodstock. If asked I would tell people to wait before buying in the area. If our school closes they may want to look elsewhere. Not good PR for the town or the district. What do we want our community to look like in five to 10 years?
I, for one, will be very angry if we close our school and two or three years from now the District is buying trailers or wanting to build a new school to accommodate an overflow of kids.
Parents will need to make transportation arrangements and the Crescent Park area needs to be prepared for traffic increases. There are lot of people who will not want to put young kids on the bus very early for an hour-plus bus ride.
I would urge anyone who shares these concerns or has others to contact their school board members and town representatives for concrete answers. We need to understand the full impact these closures will have. We should not base this very important decision on the bottom line of money alone.

Amy Landry
Woodstock

IT COULD HAPPEN IN MAINE

To the Editor:
"Could it happen in Maine?" was the query heard at the coffee counter. I took my regular black java to my car with that question echoing in my mind. Having pondered it a bit and done some poking around on the Internet, I'm afraid I have to report my answer now is "yes, it certainly can."
I say that with great sadness and a measure of anxiety. Here's why.
First, Maine is not all that different from other states in that we get much of the same media as most other states do. Therein lies the biggest factor of all those upon which my answer is based.
We hear apologists say things about Arizona like: "the shooter was so deranged that there's no way to tell where he got the idea," or "that guy was such a wacko he wouldn't know politics if it bit him." That's just flat wrong. We can safely say that mentally "sane" or not, his writings and blogs, his choices as to the event, targets, and weaponry all demonstrate his ability to design a plan and execute it effectively.
Taking it a bit further, I'd say that it's not likely that he's uniquely vulnerable, nor that he'd be so motivated only from his exposure to Hate Radio and TV. Likely he's had a steady diet of hate mongering and lies from whomever he hangs around with. We sometimes catch snippets of it at the coffee counter, on the job, at the bar, and at some organizational meetings: "... they're crazy! ... they're trying to destroy our Republic!" "... oh yea if ballots fall bullets will work" "... wouldn't be surprised to see armed revolt -- right here," etc. Living on a restricted diet of that kind has deadly impact, as propagandists, political indoctrinators and certain talk show hosts have known for many, many years. Famous ones abound in history. Goebbels, for instance, said: "he who owns history, owns the future," meaning of course: control what people believe about their history and you can control their future.
And so I'm afraid we must face the potential for that kind of deception and hate to erupt right here in Maine and in fact, pretty much anywhere in our America today; that is, so long as we're all willing to tolerate it. What are you going to do about it?

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

BUSINESS DEBIT CARDS LACK REAL PROTECTION

To the Editor:
I feel it my moral and civic responsibility to raise awareness and warn the hundreds of other small businesses in the Bethel area of a dangerous and potentially devastating situation.
On Christmas weekend, unknown hackers drained my bank account (and then some), making four separate purchases over a three-day spree, for airline tickets to or from the Arab Emirates in Dubai and Mumbai. I was only alerted to these fraudulent charges when the bank reopened on Monday, Dec. 27. I was appalled to find out that something of this nature could happen, as some, but not all, banks have a red flag system in place to hold suspicious transactions until verifying the charges with me.
My card was not lost or stolen. My PIN is safe and known only in the confines of my memory. I used this card as a convenience when ordering supplies from trusted sites whom I've used numerous times before. However, my information was still compromised and because of whatever method these criminals used, there is little hope these funds can or will be recovered.
As I have just recently learned, business debit cards do not have the same protection as personal debit cards. A debit card issued for commercial, business or agricultural purposes are exempt from MasterCard's Zero Liability policy for "unauthorized purchases." My local bank, nor MasterCard, is under no legal obligation to reimburse these stolen funds. The merchant has up to 90 days to respond to the dispute.
I've learned that customer loyalty is no match for legal policy in the fine print and with so much attention on security measures, safeguards and assurances, thieves can always find a way around them.
Herein lies the warning. Talk with your bank about your risks and their policy on reimbursement of unauthorized transactions and keep your hard-earned money safe.

Maryanne Jordan
Toe Tappin Jazz Dance Studio, Bethel

WALK HEALTHY INTO SPRING

To the Editor:
River Valley Healthy Communities (RVHCC) would like to invite you to join our "Winter-into Spring" Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days program.
Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days is aimed at motivating people to become and stay active, as well as promoting physical and mental health through walking. It is a program that can be done on your own or one that can be incorporated into an existing work-site wellness program; call for more details. This self-paced program starts Jan. 31, and runs through May 10.
RVHCC challenges community members to grab a friend or colleague and go for a walk.
All that has to be done is to keep track of the days and number of miles walked. The goal is to have all walks during the 100-day period add up to at least 100 miles. Participants will receive a sheet to record their mileage in order to keep track of their own progress. At the end of the 100 days, participants will then return their record sheets. Incentive prizes will be distributed to all who reach the 100 mile/100 day goal with each walker also being entered into a drawing for a certificate for a new pair of walking shoes.
RVHCC is a community-based health promotion coalition funded by tobacco settlement dollars as well as other state and local grants, to promote tobacco and substance abuse prevention, healthy nutrition and physical activity in the communities, schools and work sites of Albany Township, Andover, Bethel, Byron, Canton, Dixfield, Fryeburg Gilead, Greenwood/Milton Plantation, Hanover, Lovell, Mexico, Newry, Peru, Roxbury, Rumford, Stoneham, Stowe, Sweden, Upton, and Woodstock/Bryant Pond. RVHCC is a local Healthy Maine Partnership. Anyone living or working in these communities is invited to participate in this walking program.

Sandra Witas
RVHCC administrator

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.
We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.
Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.
Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.
When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).
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Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: Telstar senior, Tricia Hadley, was nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program. Sen. Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. was appointed to serve as the Senate chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee during the 120th Maine Legislature.
The former home of Bertha Flanders in Locke Mills was torn down to make room for the widening of Route 26.
Births: Richard Jonathan Cary, Brooklin Paige Gordon.
Deaths: Ruth E. Pray, Elwin W. Brown, Orrie V. Wilson, Priscilla G. Jasud.

20 years ago: A high-speed interstate car chase ended at the foot of Railroad Street when the escapee from the Maine Youth Center wrecked and abandoned a stolen car, leaving it jammed against the railroad tracks.
Bethel Furniture Stock was selected by Wood and Wood Products Magazine as one of the country's top 100 growth companies in the secondary wood products industry.

Carter's Cross-Country Ski Center of Oxford expanded into Bethel opening 10 kilometers of new trails on the Middle Intervale Road.
Births: Michael William Northrop Barry, Kelly James Blodgett, Jr.
Deaths: Ellis L. "Slim" Olson, Marion F. Hall, Nathan N. Isley, Nellie H. Beedy, David R. Wentworth, Jr., Alonzo F. Chapman.

30 years ago: The home of Mr. Mrs. Irving Cummings on the Locke Mills road was destroyed by fire.
An exhibition of sculptures by Gould Academy alumna Mary Howell of Portland was on display at the James B. Owen Art Gallery.
Bob and Jane Grover gave an illustrated talk at the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting held at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Births: Jaime Elizabeth Grover, Malinda Anne Gilbert.
40 years ago: Keith W. Cunningham resigned as principal of Telstar Regional High School to accept a position with the State Department of Education.
Birth: William Christopher Henley, Lincoln Isaac Miller.
Death: Louis Hall.

50 years ago: Clarence Howe left for Rochester, N.Y., to study photography in conjunction with his work at the Oxford Paper Co.
Births: Katharine Elizabeth D'Lizarraga, Melodie Lyn Mason, Jennifer Mott.
Deaths: Clarence Decatur Howe, Delbert R. Thurston, Lewis O. Verrill.

60 years ago: Rehearsals were underway for the Bethel Players winter production, "Drums of Death."
The farm buildings of Wendall Twitchell of Woodstock burned to the ground; 54 head of cattle in the barn were lost.

Birth: Kathryn Jean Knight.
Death: Sgt. Lester Littlehale.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dymont and son Lee of West Paris were given a farewell party as Mr. Dymont left to accept a position with a chain drug company.
Deaths: Mrs. Eva Anderson, William Pratt, Miss Priscilla York.

80 years ago: Guy Thurston was seriously injured in a fall from a roof while shoveling snow.
Deaths: George W. Harding, Mrs. Mary Ellen Brownell, Mrs. Fannie Billings, Mrs. Jennie C. Young.

90 years ago: George A. Yeaton, former state horticulturist and for several years Oxford County farm demonstrator, resigned because of ill health.
Employees of the Merrill, Springer Co., with their wives, enjoyed a dinner at Bethel Inn; 46 were served.
Dr. H.L. Bartlett and Eugene Andrews of Norway came to Bethel by auto.

Deaths: J. U. Purington, Mrs. Sarah Ella Kilgore.

100 years ago: A liquor seizure was carried out by Constable Packard.
Death: Mrs. Betsey Merrill, Bernice Eagle, William Merrill, Mrs. Charlotte Cummings.

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Briefly

Free Ski Days at Sunday River

NEWRY—Community Free Ski Days offered this season at Sunday River are as follows: For SAD 44: Jan. 20 and March 27 – free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic, 50 percent food and beverage discount. White Cap Evenings: Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 24, free tubing pass for the evening. SAD 17 and RSU 10: – Jan. 23 and March 6. \$10 lift ticket, \$10 rental, Adult learn to ski/ride clinic, 50% food and beverage discount.

Farm disaster program sign up

PARIS—The 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program sign-up began this week, according to Oxford County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Marcia Hall. SURE is a disaster program that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have experienced losses caused by natural disasters. "The SURE program is part of the 'safety net' that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers when disaster strikes," she said. For information on the 2009 SURE program eligibility requirements visit a local FSA office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

ConnectME surveys

BANGOR—Since January of last year, the ConnectME Authority has been awarded nearly \$5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to pursue a broadband mapping and planning project, creating the first comprehensive geographic inventory of high-speed Internet services statewide for use in identifying unserved and underserved areas and in planning expansion throughout the state. The ultimate goal of this effort is to help bring high-speed Internet access to all households and businesses throughout the state. Surveys requesting input from both Maine residents and businesses will be mailed this month. The purpose of the survey is to solicit input about broadband/Internet access: identifying the drivers and barriers to greater adoption in their respective geographic regions. Random samples of residents and businesses have been chosen to receive the surveys. The ConnectME Authority encourages all who receive the survey to fill it out and mail it back in the business reply envelope that is provided. Recipients of the printed survey will have the option to participate in the survey online, if preferred. By completing and returning the survey, Maine residents and businesses will be helping increase the availability of high speed internet throughout the state. For more information, contact Liane Judd, Packard Judd Kaye Strategic Marketing Group, (207) 990 2774 ext. 1, ljudd@packardjudd.com; or Lisa Schoonmaker, James W. Sewall Company, schl@sewall.com; or visit the ConnectME Authority website: <http://www.maine.gov/connectme/>

Betting on casino business, Rt. 26 resort going year round

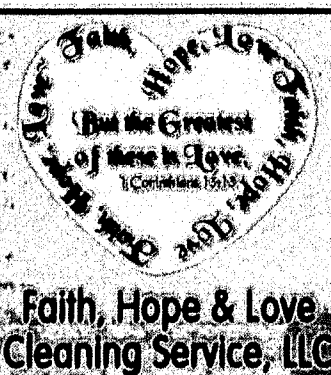
POLAND SPRING—The Poland Spring Resort is stepping into year-round operation, and owner Cyndi Robbins said the casino referendum's passage was a big influence. Robbins said 12 of the resort's approximately 150 seasonal jobs will become year-round to support the guests at the Motor Court Inn, a 33-room building on the resort. Robbins said it will be winterized and renamed The Lodge. "If that works, then we'll go on to another one," Robbins said. She said planned renovation to the inn will include an arcade, a gift shop and a breakfast nook. According to a press release, the renovation will cost more than \$100,000. Robbins said the Motor Court Inn was chosen first, not only because it's the smallest and easiest to renovate, but because it's right on Route 26 where drivers can see it. The 66-room Presidential Inn and the 85-room main inn will be next, if The Lodge does well next winter. Robbins said the renovations will be completed over the next few months. "We'll be opening in May, on schedule," she said. "The difference is that we won't be closing." The resort has traditionally been open from May until October, with the golf course there as its main draw. There is already cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on the resort grounds, as well as an ice skating rink next to Cyndi's Dockside Restaurant. Black Bear Entertainment states on its website that it plans to build and open the casino late this year. Robbins called the planned casino "a huge boon to this area." According to a press release from the resort, in the past few years the resort has experienced about 75 percent occupancy rates, down from 100 percent before then. According to the press release, the decision to expand wasn't solely due to the referendum's passage in November. It "is also tied to an increased recognition that Maine's western mountains are an attractive vacation destination," the release said.

Mt. Washington Avalanche Center adopts new danger scale

PINKHAM NOTCH—The Mount Washington Avalanche Center (MWAC) is using a new avalanche danger scale for the 2010/11 season. The new system was designed with input from avalanche professionals across the United States and Canada and is now being adopted by nations as far away as New Zealand. The new scale reduces some of the ambiguity of the previous scale, includes expected avalanche size and distribution, and provides more definitive travel advice for backcountry recreationists. "It was especially encouraging to work closely with our Canadian colleagues to come up with a unified scale. This will only help in our efforts to promote avalanche forecasting consistency and to improve safety for the many people who recreate in the backcountry in both countries" according to Karl Birkeland, the U.S. lead on the project and an Avalanche Scientist with the USDA Forest Service National Avalanche Center.

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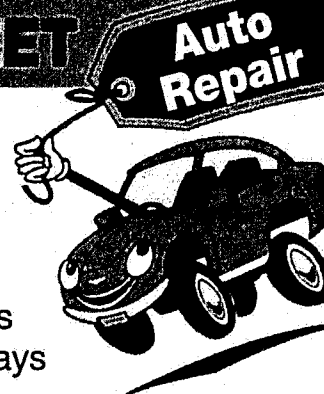
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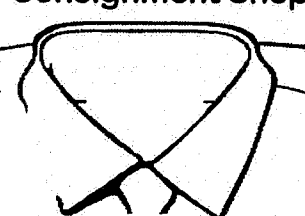
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Office Space

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ulate on some of those things, but if different buildings were modified such that the student population was put into one place, or two places, or whatever, there's going to be a cramp on that particular space. It may require some of the other support services that may be housed at Crescent Park now to be housed somewhere else. You really won't know until you make some of the decisions you have to make in the coming months."

As for the future of EBS, Bethel director Lynn Arizotti noted that moving the office does not mean SAD 44 is closing the building.

Murphy agreed, saying "one is not associated with the other." After other facilities decisions are made, he said, "the Facilities Committee needs to complete a review on what was out there for other spaces, in terms of next steps for any of the spaces that might

be available."

One option for EBS could be to use it for cold storage. There is currently no such space available in the district, he said.

For the short term, Murphy said, the district will continue to heat EBS, at a minimum level, and provide electricity, as well as plow the driveway, for emergency access. He estimated the total annual cost at \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Newry director Deb Webster expressed concern that if another option for the central office materialized in six months, SAD 44 would be tied into the bank lease.

"The space is available now," replied Murphy. "If we gamble on six months from now, it might not be."

All directors present except Webster voted in favor of the lease.

Lease details

Between the time the Norway Savings Bank first ap-

proached SAD 44 about the office space and the recent formal negotiations, the bank reduced its per-square-foot rental charge from \$4.50 to \$3, Murphy said. That will increase by .25 a foot per year, ending at \$4 in the fifth year, he said.

The district will also have the option of paying its utilities separately, or paying a flat \$2.61 per square foot for the first two years. That figure would be recalculated beginning in the third year, based on the previous average, and would never change more than 10 percent, he said. SAD 44 would also have the option of changing between the payment methods.

At the initial rates, the monthly rent for next year would be approximately \$475, and the utilities would be \$413, Murphy said.

The square footage of the current office space at EBS is 4,750, Murphy said, and the

annual cost to keep it open is \$28,000 to \$30,000.

District Exchange

The District Exchange and Food Pantry, which has operated out of the basement of EBS for two decades, will have to make other arrangements. The organization, operated by church groups and other volunteers, collects food for distribution to needy families and sells contributed clothing very cheaply.

Cathy Newell, chair of the Exchange's operating committee, said Tuesday that a meeting on the future of the Exchange and Food Pantry will take place Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Telstar Library (snow date Feb. 3).

"The meeting is open to anyone interested in the future of the Exchange," said Newell, and anyone with ideas on other options for its future should plan to attend the meeting, or call her at 875-2116 or go to the Exchange's Facebook page.

Permits

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tion in noise and impacts on the shore areas and site because of large groups using the property."

At the neighbors' request, the town Planning Board began looking into the matter.

Their initial investigation included a public hearing with neighbors, one of whom, Robert Switzer, described the situation as follows: "The extent of the changes being made to this property are inconsistent with a small vacation rental home operation; it is clear that this is a marked change from the original permits and use that were originally granted to the previous owner. The fact that these changes have been made without proper hearings, permits, and inspections is an indication that the current owner was not interested in complying with the laws of the town, state building codes, or state waterfront/shoreline restrictions."

"With the planned rental of this property to larger groups, I expect that the quality of what had been a very quiet residential area to be further impacted. In the last year, we have had incidents of loud parties at all hours of the night. In ten years of owning my house on Marshall Lane, I have never had issues such as these occur until now."

The planners responded by requesting the selectmen take immediate steps to close down Mr. Wells' rental and lodging operations at the property.

But that didn't happen. For several months the Planning Board continued to grapple with the matter, eventually issuing the after-the-fact permits.

Neighbor Jim Kaplan then appealed, and the town Appeals Board, following its own investigation, found the Planning Board had erred in issuing the permits.

Wells then appealed the Appeals Board's findings, and from there the matter went to Oxford County Superior Court.

In 2009 Justice Roland Cole issued an order denying

Wells' appeal and affirming the decision of the Appeals Board.

Perry, the town's attorney, concluded his analysis for the selectmen by saying, "the time for appeal has expired, and Justice Cole's decision dated June 19, 2009 is final."

Meeting Jan. 3, the Planning Board rescinded the three permits (under which, while they were in litigation, Wells had been able to continue to operate).

Agreement gone missing?

Contacted by The Citizen Wednesday, Wells said he had not been told the matter was going back to the Planning Board.

He believed a compromise agreement had negotiated in June between attorneys for him and the town, he said, and he was only waiting for the final paperwork.

"We haven't walked away at all," he said. "To hear that the permits had been rescinded was kind of puzzling."

And there remains the question of how effectively the town would be able to enforce any decision.

While the town's code enforcement officer will make the unannounced visits to monitor the property, Sparks said, "to be honest the code officer is not going to be paid and count people every Friday night."

Appeal in Bethel rejected

The Bethel Board of Appeals has rejected a challenge to the Planning Board's Oct. 27 decision that the proposed replacement of flooring in the Funky Red Barn Bar and Restaurant is not the kind of structural change that requires site plan review.

Abutter Mark Engberg appealed the planners' finding of non-applicability, arguing that the replacement of more than 50 percent of the flooring was a "major modification" that required Site Plan review.

The Appeals Board, in explaining its decision to reject Engberg's appeal, concluded that "the proposed floor replacement are not a 'substantial alteration' as would trigger Site Plan Review."

Open Space

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prioritize the potential preservation of its resources through an Open Space plan.

Members of the Woodstock Conservation Commission hope to draw as many residents as possible into a discussion on these subjects, and possibly a vote, at the annual Town Meeting in March.

On Tuesday they presented an inventory of the land resources in the form of maps representing wildlife habitat, water bodies and wetlands, large unfragmented blocks of land (such as the

Spruce Mountain area) and other features.

"They've been compiling the information for the past year and a half."

The goal is not to prevent businesses from growing, WCC chairman Marcel Polak told about a dozen residents who attended the meeting. "We're trying to protect the most important pieces, and avoid conflict when someone comes along and wants to build something in a special place," he said.

"It's not what we're against,

it's what we're for," added Ed Rosenberg.

Rosenberg described the commission's discussions with groups such as the Community Lakes Association and the Whitman Library.

"We learned how people are connected to the land, and how they hope their grandchildren will be able to enjoy it. We're looking for those emotional connections," he said.

Others with an interest in the land may include hunters, snowmobilers, hikers and other recreationists.

But many may take access to Woodstock land for granted, said Rosenberg. "We have to take a step further, and ensure it for the future."

Providing specific examples of valuable resources, Jane Chandler presented a list of scenic viewpoints, visible from Woodstock's roads, that she said are worth preserving.

They include Mollycock Mountain, Spruce Moun-

tain, Andrews Mountain, Mt. Washington, Buck's Ledge and several views from County Road, Harbor Road and Cushman Road.

The commission hopes to have a town vote on its recommendations for preserving open spaces.

But they are currently weighing whether to proceed with their current plan — to propose specific recommendations at the March Town Meeting — or to simply propose a Town Meeting vote on continuing, and extending beyond the WCC, work on recommendations to be considered at a future meeting.

Whenever a vote on a plan takes place, approval would not mean the plan has "teeth," Polak said. But the Planning Board could go on to propose ordinances to support specific goals.

The WCC meets again Feb. 8 at the Town Office at 7 p.m., and members will discuss next steps. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Weight Watchers is starting a group in Bethel. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. at Jade's Salon on Route 2. For more information, call Ginny Gamble at 824-7340. If you are interested, call as soon as possible. The group needs at least 15 members.

The West Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, on Church Street now has two services each weekend. The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. There is also a 4 p.m. service on Saturday. The service is family-oriented and open to all ages, with music, readings, stories, and prayer.

People are welcome to come right from the slopes wearing ski attire. Please use the Chapel entrance.

If you are an intermediate or experienced hiker or skier, Mt. Abram Skiway offers a guided Full Moon hike to the peak of Mt. Abram to view the full moon and night sky. It's approximately an hour hike to the top and back. Hikers can come down the mountain on foot or skis. The dates for the Full Moon hike are Jan. 22, Feb. 19, and March 19. Hikers meet on the deck at 5:45 p.m. and the group leaves at 6 sharp. There is live music at the Loose Boots Lounge on returning to the base. The hike is free. Advanced reservations are not required, but they are recommended. For more information, call 875-5000, ext 315.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, from

6 to 9 p.m. the Rotary Club of Bethel will host an All-You-Can-Eat pizza night at the Mat-horn on Sunday River Road in Newry. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance from any Rotary Club member or purchased at the door. The proceeds benefit the Rotary's Scholarship fund, which is given in honor of Rocky Freda.

Florence Morgan celebrated her eighty-second birthday on Saturday, Jan. 8, with a family party at her home. Guests included Robert and Peggy Morgan, Susan Maila, Terry and Frank Petillo and Allie, Kim Harrington and family, Ashley, Andrew, and Emalee, and Nicky Petillo and Zowie and Bella.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

children on Christmas. It sure is part of what makes Christmas such a special holiday in every aspect.

Here I'd like to share the comment a reader made to last week's quote, "... and once the children produce the adults by making us grow up a bit, we then become children as we join their play and buy them toys which we enjoy also." Let's face it, we have all done that, both with our kids and grandkids, right? Just like they are a good excuse to watch certain movies. Children keep the child inside us alive and help us feel young.

On Jan. 14 the Alder River Grange will have their meeting at Ruby Bryant's house at 7 Bolster Street in Norway. There will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Those going are asked to meet at the Locke Mills Church by 4:45 p.m. to carpool. Oh, and don't let the cold deter you, after all, we are Mainers!

Now it is time for the answer to the Trivia and I want to thank all who participated. "The Alder River Grange 145 celebrated its 75th birthday in 1979 with much fanfare that included the attendance of the State Master."

Have a great week and make sure to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with news, comments, and suggestions. I always love hearing from you all.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



And still the snow spirals ignore our pleas as I write this on Monday afternoon. As of this morning (Monday) the weatherman says there

is a possibility of snow on Wednesday. When you read this, you'll know whether he/she was right or very wrong.

Lack of snow notwithstanding, the Black Mountain crew did a magnificent job preparing the race course for last week's U.S. championship races. Our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, and her teammates, Alice Hotopp and Shelby Aseltine, participated in the week's events, as did some of their male counterparts. Everyone acquitted him/herself quite well, especially considering they were "playing with the big kids."

There were upwards of 500 skiers from all over the U.S. and Canada, some of them members of the U.S. Ski Team, many if not most of them hopefuls for greater glory, on the U.S. Team, or the Olympics, or the World Cup. These were qualifying races for the next step. Most high schoolers, like the Gould group, were in it for the experience, and a wonderful experience it was. Hurrahs to the organizers and crew, as well as to all the intrepid skiers.

Another skiing event took place on Sunday at Gould Academy, where New Eng-

land Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) hosted its annual "Fast and Female" day. Young women from near and far came to participate in a day of fun, fitness, yoga, coaching, and of course, cross-country skiing. Jeremy Nellis, after coaching his skiers all week in Rumford, did a stellar job of preparing what snow there was for the day's activities.

Last Saturday Mike and I, accompanied by Jake, did our weekend walk in Mason Township. We parked on Meadowbrook Bridge Road and hiked up an ATV trail toward Trout Pond. It was fairly easy walking, with only a few icy spots. We saw many, many deer tracks, and as we reached higher elevations, we spotted moose tracks, too. There were quite a few of those, and they looked like big fellows, all headed upward. Of course, we also found some snowshoe hare spoor, a few partridge tracks, and plenty of fox and coyote.

One thing to be said about my usual morning path in the woods is that with snow cover it is evident that there are quite a few other people who tread the same trail. As

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Wednesday, Jan. 5

At 1:51 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the Mayville Road for a report of an unwanted subject. A warning was issued.

At 7:05 p.m. a caller reported that lights went off in his house on the Intervale Road when he pulled into the driveway. It turned out to be a prank.

Thursday, Jan. 6

At 2:24 p.m. a caller reported property missing from his garage on Paradise Road. He believed it might be related to recent burglaries solved by the OCSD. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 7:34 p.m. a report was received of a tractor-trailer truck on Route 2 going slowly and not allowing people to pass. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Friday, Jan. 7

At 10:04 a.m. a report was received of a tailgate stolen from a pickup truck on the Sunday River Road while the owner was eating supper. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Saturday, Jan. 8

At 12:56 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Summer Street for a report of intoxicated people in a vehicle. The vehicle was not in the area on arrival.

Monday, Jan. 10

At 7:59 a.m. a car-deer accident was reported on the Mayville Road. The vehicle went into the woods. There was no personal injury. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 9:48 a.m. a caller on Main Street reported money and checks stolen. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 10:15 a.m. a report was received of illegal dumping of trash off Route 2. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

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East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through January and there is hardly any snow on the ground. I do enjoy seeing the trees glistening in the morning sun. I think of it as one of many benefits of living in Maine. Have you noticed the Ice Tower in progress on the Parkway? I can't quite picture the finished product yet. What do you all think of it? Now on to some news.

Diane Howe and Michael Blaisdell hosted a Christmas Eve dinner with twenty-two family members and friends attending. On Christmas Day sixteen family members gathered for the gift opening and celebration of the Holiday. They always enjoy to share the excitement of the grand-

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a matter of fact, I have followed some heretofore untried (by me) trails, because they showed some usage. It makes for a more interesting morning when one can cover new territory.

Our bird population is mercurial. Some days we see flocks of goldfinches, crowds of chickadees, tons of titmice, and piles of woodpeckers. But on others, there are no birds to be seen. We think it is because so many of our neighbors also feed the birds, and our feathered friends just like to spread the joy around. Makes for a smaller birdseed bill!

I'm still hoping to hear from you out there. As I've said before, it's difficult to write about West Bethel if West Bethelites don't tell me what's going on. You can reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 824-2917. Think snow. Ciao!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Things were quiet in Gilead this past week, I guess. Not a lot to report on. Even the birds were not showing up at the feeder as much as usual.

My brother, Steve McLain, accompanied Carole Mason to Westbrook to get her fingerprinting done. This is a requirement for employment with MSAD 44 and is part of her application for a job there.

Hugh and I attended the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association's annual meeting. It was held at Crossstones' Restaurant in West Paris. A delicious turkey

dinner with all the trimmings preceded the meeting. New officers for 2011 were elected and took over at the meeting. Frank Perham of West Paris was the guest speaker. Everyone likes to listen to Frank's stories of his mining career throughout the state of Maine.

Robert and Judy Bishop were in Gilead last Sunday. They wanted to check out the railroad station that was recently moved.

After looking that over, they headed to West Paris to go to the Mineral meeting annual dinner also.

Lise McLain attended the inauguration of Governor Paul Richard LePage and thoroughly enjoyed his constitutional, inaugural address as well as his mantra which is "People Before Politics."

Lise also attended the inaugural ceremony for about an hour, but the receiving line was so long that she left before LePage arrived because of the approximately 85-mile trip back home, and she did enjoy the delicious food that was served.

This is Lise's very first time that she has ever attended a governor's inauguration since arriving in Maine from Canada in 1953 at the age of 3. Lise's maternal grandmother is Amanda LePage Dion (Amanda's father is Joseph LePage) from Canada.

Lise McLain stopped by Ledgeway on Saturday to visit her father, Gerard Dupont, formerly of Gilead.

She will be purchasing a radio and headphones so her father can listen to some music in private without disturbing the other patients and the staff.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com



NEVER SAY DIE—This commercially-grown Christmas tree purchased by Pete Morin of Newry two weeks before Christmas refused to give up the ghost after the holidays. The tree began sprouting buds (inset). Although not common, it's not unheard of, said Morin, a former Christmas tree inspector. Because the trees are well fertilized, they can retain enough nutrients after being cut to support budding, he said. That, combined with lengthening days and plenty of water sucked up through the fresh cut Morin made through the trunk when he set up the tree, was enough to briefly give it new life. Morin is shown here with the tree as he was on his way to dispose of it. (Photo: A. Aloisia)

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



Feeding deer has rewards - it's nice to know they're getting enough to eat through-

out the winter, and watching them graze is fascinating and rewarding to the feeders. There's a downside, though, depending on when and where the herd is fed. In Newry, in the early evenings, deer, presumably leaving their human-provided buffet with full bellies, have been hit by cars. In daylight, the drivers would have been able to see the deer more quickly and could possibly have avoided hitting them. It's possible,

also, that the deer having been treated to a scrumptious meal by humans, felt less need to be wary.

Maybe only early morning feedings would work? Or maybe feeding deer on Route 26 is just life-threatening for the herd, regardless of the time of day?

Sunday breakfasts at the Ladies Aid Building from 8 to 11 a.m. are still popular, both for the food and the socialization!

The Town Meeting will be held the last Thursday of March at the schoolhouse.

"Back in the Day" aprons were big, almost floor-length. Women could hike them up in a double fold and tuck them in at the waist, creating a most useful pocket.

Sometimes, women even tucked their infants into the

"pocket." Possibly this creative use of a pocket was a prelude to today's slings that keep a baby close to mom and easy to tote, allowing mom to have both hands free.

Do you other Uptonites have any news you'd like to share? Please, call me at 533-2111. I refuse to use this column as an "autobiography" of my week - it'd be too boring for you, the reader.

Do you enjoy The Citizen's re-established policy of including pictures of their columnists?

Seen any coyotes? How's the snowmobiling? Been snowshoeing? Have you had any interesting trips or guests? Were you a visitor in town?

Have a wonderful week. Se la!

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Planning Board held its first meeting in 2011 on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Acting Chair Person Darlene Baker opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and quickly dispensed with the business of the evening. Ms. Baker de-

clared the meeting closed at 6:08 p.m.

The Hanover Select Board will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the town office. At a recent board meeting a no smoking policy was adopted on town properties including walkways, driveways and recreation areas frequented by the public.

Hanover officials expressed appreciation for all the dog lovers who came to the office and licensed their pets before the end of 2010. The Animal Control Division has extended a month of grace to those whose dogs remained unlicensed at year's end. You may now license your dog at the regular fee until the end of January. Starting on Feb. 1 a late fee of \$25 will be added to the regular fee. After March 1 the Animal Control Officer will be notified and the fines will just get bigger.

An error occurred on informational flyers sent with the Hanover tax bills. The correct number to call for animal issues is 357-2818. It is a direct line to Animal Control Officer Ozzie Hart. If you cannot reach the ACO and it is an emergency situation call 911.

There have been several recent complaints received at the Town Office concerning dog issues from individuals walking roadways. Please be reminded that Hanover is included in the state rules mandating a leash law. Dogs must be either on a leash or under verbal control at all times. Few people like having their heels nipped at or actual bites on other body parts. It kind of destroys the pleasure of a fresh air walk.

Rumford Grange 115 will hold a meeting next Saturday, Jan. 15, at noon at the home of Arnold and Vicki Clark on Ellis River Road.

Local members of the Knights of Pythias traveled to Bowdoinham last Sunday to attend an Executive Council meeting. Attending were Danny and Michael Bennett, Milton Township; Freeman Farrington, East Andover; and Craig Turner, Donna and Clem Worcester, Hanover. One of the local KP lodges is Cabot Lodge in Andover. Each Friday members of Cabot Lodge travel to the bowling alley in Rumford to practice bowling for the upcoming statewide tournament. You need to understand that one of the lodge members recently had a table saw accident in which he badly cut a finger and lost a portion of his thumb on his dominant hand (right). So, Freeman showed up for bowling last Friday just like always figuring he would bowl with his left hand. The other bowlers noticed that Freeman (usually one of the bet-

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ter bowlers) was not doing so great. They decided to provide a handicap to even things out. All nine bowled with their non-dominant hands. They all had a good time but need much more practice to achieve tournament abilities.

Andover

By MALINDA AVERILL



The Andover Recreation Committee in conjunction with The Pine-land Ski Club would like to announce the following XC Ski/Snowshoe days: Jan. 16, 7 p.m. full moon ski meet at Akers Ski Shop; Jan. 23 all-day road trip to Carter's XC Ski Center in Bethel; Jan. 30, 1 p.m. ski or snowshoe at Tim and Darlene Akers, Upton Road, Andover. February schedule: Feb. 6, 1 p.m. snowshoe to Frye Brook Cat-artacts or Dunn Falls; Feb. 20, 9 a.m. ski to Newry via snowmobile trail car spot or key swap; Feb. 27, t.b.a. April 3, weather permitting, 1 p.m. ski and maple syrup making/Leon Akers' house off Littlehale Road. Hope to see you all there!

Hopefully, we'll get a nice little snowstorm this week; the weatherman says possibly Wednesday.

There was quite a line at the rabies clinic on Saturday. Mostly dogs of course, only a few kitties. Imagine if we had to register cats!

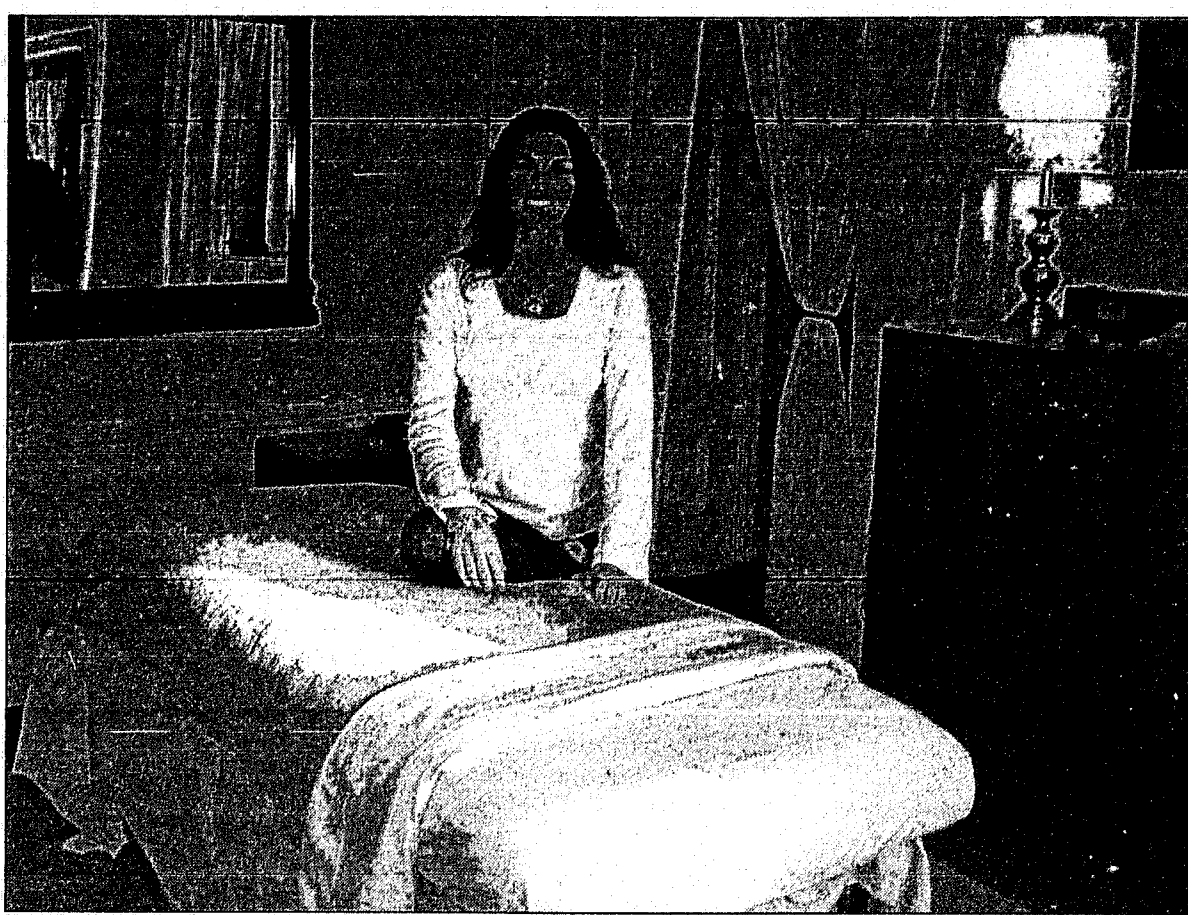
Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Saturday evening I got a call from daughter Cheryl, and she told me 15-year-old Jessica suffered a freak accident last Wednesday.

It seems she and older brother Jacob were fooling around in the dining room at home, when Jessica's chair tipped backward. When Jess "balled out" and tried to catch her balance, she somehow struck the edge of the chair seat and got hurt. The injury caused extensive bleeding and pain, and she spent three nights in the hospital. No bones were broken and her injuries were not too severe, and she was able to return home on Sunday afternoon. As of this writing, Jessica is feeling better but still suffers some nausea



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things that we've always been meaning to. Just don't make those goals too impossible -- start small, take small steps, and then watch them continue to grow. At least, that's been my experience. Whenever I start off with a huge goal in mind, I always falter and fail. And then completely abandon that goal or project.

While out grocery shopping the other day we met John Holiday. He's always a pleasure to meet up with, always a kind word and cheerful smile. I can't recall a time when he's been down or depressing. We need more of those people in the world.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



Here we are, already a week into the new year, and I, for one, am glad to have December be-

hind me as long as things change a bit for the better.

I had three illnesses during December and that somehow dampened the Christmas spirit in my house. I didn't even get a tree up and barely got the Nativity set up in time for the Baby to arrive!

I was able to have Ginny Hunt, from Peru, (Maine, that is), to join me for Christ-

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is mid-January. Who could believe it. It still seems like fall with a little early morning cold. Per-

haps by the time you read this we will have had another big snowstorm; perhaps not more than another dusting. The South seems to be getting hit this year. That is fine with me. I know I am being selfish when I say I can live without the snow.

I am healing nicely from my fall on the 22nd and glad of that. I hope to be back to my normal self real soon. For now I am still taking it easy on days I don't work. Work days I do not have that luxury. I am not getting ready to resume baking - don't tell David - it is time to bake bread instead of spending money to get gluten-free bread. I can get it now, but it is a bit dear. So it is time to get up and do it myself.

Have to come up with some good recipes by the time my birthday comes around next month.

This Monday, the 17th, the Knit and Chat group meets at Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. I may go as it will still be light at 4. The days are getting longer and the sun rises slightly earlier too. The dark days are coming to an end, little by little.

Thursday, the 13th, and Thursday, the 20th, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library. Due to construction we might have to cut the meeting short, but we will put a sign up if we do. The meetings are from 10 to 11:15 a.m. FMI call 739-9115.

Glad to see that the photos are back with our columns. They were missed. Looking at the group I realized I was the oldest, or one of the oldest, columnists still writing. Makes me feel old, but glad to still be here.

On that note I will go. Have a great week. Enjoy Martin Luther King Day for what it is and stay safe.

Albany

By SHEILA DYKE



Greetings and hello from Albany Township. I missed last week's deadline -- I know, big surprise. With the weather and how crazy the New Year has been, I'm hoping that it's a trend that won't continue.

We're hoping to get that snow that's been in the forecast now for days. I know some kids that would love to play out in it. Plus, that's extra work for Dana. In this day and age, every bit of work he gets is wonderful.

We hope that everyone out there is enjoying their New Year. New year, new beginnings. Many of us look to the start of a new year as a means to starting over, to do those

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mas dinner but we didn't have anything elaborate. Ginny made a lovely squash pie and I provided the chicken and vegetables and that was it. Since we are both in our seventies we don't seem to have the appetites we once had.

The Monday after Christmas I came down with some intestinal bug and had a miserable week. I don't recommend it to anyone! I am just getting my strength back

and was able to keep my doctor's appointment on Thursday. It sounds rather silly to say one was too sick to go to the doctor's, but I was. Anyhow, Joe Shimamura had an appointment Thursday. Gerry and I both had mammograms scheduled for the morning and I had my appointment after Joe, so it worked out quite well and we made a day of it. We had lunch at some new, to me anyway, restaurant on Route 26 and the food was very

good. We even managed to do some shopping between appointments.

I forgot to mention that Debbie Brown came and got me late Christmas day after Ginny had left and took me and Chloe to Bethel where I had supper with she and Owen. We thought Chloe would have fun playing with Brutus and Missy, but she only had eyes for the cat. Up until

that time I didn't realize how much she missed Garbo. Any-

how, by the time the evening was over she had gotten the cat to touch noses with her. Owen cooked scallops and yam slices and they were very good.

They know how much I like scallops! Owen had to wait for his supper though because all three dogs thought they had to sit in my lap so he held Chloe and coaxed his dogs to leave me alone long enough to eat.

I am a magnet for animals. And speaking of that, I am

getting overrun with mice. I know Garbo was a very good mouser even when she wasn't feeling very well, but I didn't know how good until now.

I really don't want the responsibility of another cat even though I know Chloe would love one, so I am going to try one of those electronic thingamajigs and see if that works.

I am sure there is a lot more news out there but I haven't been in circulation enough

this month to find out any and have had to learn all I know from The Citizen when it comes out just like everyone else.

Hopefully that will change a bit. So, until next time, stay warm and dry and may it snow on the mountain but not in the valley. Keep the peace.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hello friends and neighbors. Well it has been a quiet week up here at this end of town.

In most cases that would be a welcomed sign but sadly makes for a bleak column.

Next week promises a slew of phone calls and inquiries so if you don't hear from me then this is your invitation to contact me with news-worthiness or not news.

Happy Birthday wishes to Garrett Morton!

Ooh, in case you haven't stopped by the town office yet to register your dog(s), don't delay. I only wish to keep you all from late fees as I keep forgetting to stop in as well. The sad part is the fact that I drive by the office more than most. Have a great week!

Democrats plan recognition dinner

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a Volunteer Recognition dinner at the Eagles Hall on Oxford Avenue in Rumford on Thursday, Jan. 20, with a snow date of Jan. 27. The event will begin at 5:30 and will feature a chicken dinner. Volunteers in the 2010 campaign will be the guests of the Oxford County Democrats, and others who would like to attend will be charged \$7 per person. To RSVP, please contact John Patrick, 364-7666, or Cathy Newell, 875-2116 or cathynewell@megalink.net. A count is needed by Jan. 18.

Following the dinner and remarks by Democratic office holders, elections will be held for Oxford County Democratic Committee officers for 2011-2012. Officers to be elected include chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer.

Volunteers will be sought for the Program and Finance Committees.

For further information about the event, please visit Oxford County ME Democrats on Facebook, or www.oxforddems.org or contact County Chair Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

Beekeeping course offered

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension in conjunction with the Western Maine Beekeeping Association will be offering a four-week beekeeping short course on Wednesday evenings Feb 15, 22 and March 1 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Extension office in South Paris.

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Children's Stage Adventures schedules auditions

Seeks 50 Town/School Youngsters for Play

Students to be cast in classic tale of *Oliver Twist*

Auditions for the Children's Stage Adventures musical production of *Oliver Twist* will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Crescent Park Elementary School. Approximately 50 SAD 44 school children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be cast to appear in the show with CSA actors/educators Ben Regan and Chandra Diesel.

(Everyone who auditions will be able to participate in the play.) The performances will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at Crescent Park Elementary School. *Oliver Twist* is an original musical adaptation of the classic Dickens' tale of the orphaned boy whose good and sturdy spirit supports him through the difficult and exciting times of growing up in Victorian England.

Enjoy all the fascinating characters involved in *Oliver's* life: the Artful Dodger, Fagin, the menacing Bill Sikes and the kind-hearted Nancy.

The story follows Oliver from the miseries of the workhouse to the dangerous streets of London where he becomes involved in a plot containing mystery, robbery, and kidnapping. All is resolved when Oliver's true identity is discovered and he finds a home and happiness with his Great Uncle, Mr. Brownlow.

Children planning to audition should arrive by 3 p.m. and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. No advanced preparation is necessary to take part in the audi-

tions. A snack will be provided for the 10 children asked to stay for the first rehearsal.

Rehearsals will be conducted from 2:30 to 7 p.m. every day of the week prior to performances. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals for their role.

A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. The first rehearsal will begin shortly after the auditions. Cast members scheduled to rehearse for the full four hours in one day will be asked to bring a sack meal or snack.

Ben Regan, from Long Branch, N.J., and Chandra Diesel, from Stuart, Va., will be the team of Actor/Educators from Children's Stage Adventures.

This is Chandra and Ben's first tour with CSA, though both have extensive backgrounds working with children in theatre. 2010-11 is Children's Stage Adventures 12th year touring across the northeast US, with 55+ residencies scheduled. Based in Sullivan, N.H., CSA is a non-profit organization supported in part by charitable donations. This coming year hundreds of cast members will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, communities, neighbors and teachers.

The residency for SAD 44 is made possible by a grant from the Davis Family Foundation, The Bethel Inn Resort, Mahoosuc Arts Council, SAD 44 and help from Friends of CPS.

Come out and support the youth of the community while enjoying a great show.



FAST AND FEMALE FEEDING FRENZY—Girls participating in Sunday's Fast and Female U.S. 2011 U.S. X-Country Ski Festival at Gould Academy rotated through several drills designed to improve their skills on skis. Here, a group plays "Sharks and Minnows," a tag game. (Photo: A. Aloisio)



4-H CAMP VOLUNTEER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT—Instructor Dan Daniels and a group of seniors at the Region 11 Oxford Hills Technical School build a 20 x 24 cabin at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. This is the first of several planned cabins that will replace some of the more "rustic" accommodations at the camp. (Submitted photo)

Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

5 p.m. and 8 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Markus and Angelique Steelgrave at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Free admission. Carnival games, children's activities, bounce house, craft zone and much more.

Friday, Jan. 14

1 to 6 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Sunday River Southridge, 10 Peaks Lodge.
6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** potluck supper/meeting at Ruby Bryant's house, 7 Bolster Street, Norway. To carpool, meet at Locke Mills Church at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

5 to 7 p.m. - **Art Exhibit/Opening**, paintings by Katherine Winn at Mill Hill Inn, Bethel. Live music by Jim McLaughlin/Lauren Parker at 8 p.m.
7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents professional storyteller Karen Chace at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: 13 and over \$6 advance/\$8 door; 12 and under \$4/\$6; 5 and under free available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-15KL.

Jan. 15, 22, 29

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Thru Mid-March

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden** open Wednesday-Saturday thru winter months and closed Sunday-Tuesday. FMI: 743-8820 or www.mclaughlingarden.org

Wednesday, Jan. 19

5 p.m. - **Weight Watchers** sign-up at Jade's Salon, Route 2, Bethel. FMI: Ginny Gamble 824-7340.
5:30 p.m. - **"Dinner and Discussion"** hosted by Tri-County Mental Health Services at American Legion Hall, 24 Congress Street, Rumford. Topic: smoking cessation. FMI or registration: 369-1194.

Thursday, Jan. 20

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. Bring dish to share. FMI: 583-6677.

Friday, Jan. 21

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, Main Street, West Paris. No charge, but bring dish to share. Non-members welcome.

Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturday, Jan. 22

10 a.m. to Noon - **Open House Women's Imaging Center**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, to introduce new digital mammography. Tours, educational materials, refreshments.

5:45 p.m. - **Guided Winter Hike** at Mt. Abram to view spectacular full moon. Meet at base area, leave 6 p.m. Hot cider, cheese, crackers, music at top. Advance reservation not required but recommended (875-5000 Ext 315) or e-mail Kevinr@mtabram.com.

Saturday, Jan. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 30
Bethel WinterFest.

Sunday, Jan. 23

SAD 17 and RSU 10 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$10 lift ticket/\$10 rental/Adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, Jan. 24

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops hosted by The Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Jan. 24 at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street and Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. To register and FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Mondays Jan. 24 and Jan. 31

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **"Babysitting 101"** Training offered by Girl Scouts of Maine to girls in grades 5 thru 8 at Telstar Middle School. Cost: \$5 for registered Girl Scouts and \$17 non Girl Scouts (includes \$12 GS membership fee). Pre-registration/payment must be in by Jan. 15. FMI: Jeanie Duguay (364-363) or 1-888-922-4763 Ext. 237 or jduguay@gsmaine.org

Tuesday, Jan. 25 for six weeks

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Grief Support Group** begins at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free, but registration required: Robin Green, LCSW at 743-1562 ext 379.

Thursday, Jan. 27

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Thursdays, Jan. 27 thru Feb. 10

5 to 6 p.m. - **T'ai Chi for Beginners**, taught by Betsey Foster at Telstar Regional High School. To register: 824-2780.

Friday, Jan. 28

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night**, First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$3. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. FMI: (603) 733-6350 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com

Sunday, Jan. 30

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, Jan. 31

7:30 p.m. - **Portland String Quartet** performing at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy (changed from 24th). Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors, non-Fryeburg students. FMI: Jackie Lounsbury 935-9232.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night at Matterhorn, Sunday River Road, Newry, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel. Tickets: \$15 p/p from a club member or at door. Proceeds benefit Rotary's Scholarship Fund in honor of Rocky Freda.

Saturday, Feb. 5

1 p.m. - **Chinese Auction**, Oxford Hills High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m. Lunch on sale. Fund-raiser for Project Graduation. FYI or to make donation: Nancy Henderson (674-2936) or leave at school with Pam Colby.

Monday, Feb. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library, with topic to be "Responding to Change," with Kim Kearney, moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Thursday, Feb. 10

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Feb. 10 thru 13

White Out Weekend at Sunday River Ski Resort dedicated to gay and lesbian community. For full schedule and registration information: www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2754.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Tues.) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Thurs.) - **Safe Sitter Class** at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, for 11 to 13 year olds. Cost (for two-day class): \$50. Scholarship (\$15) available on request. FMI: 743-5933 Ext. 380. Online registration www.wmhcc.org.

Feb. 22, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

February 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, March 6

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Thursday, March 24

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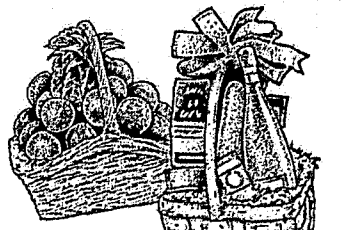
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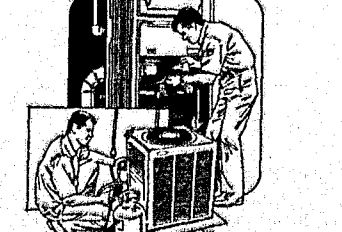
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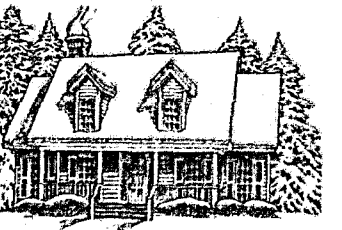
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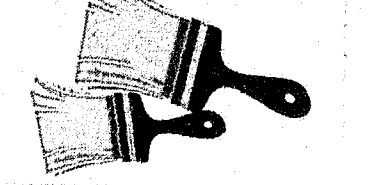
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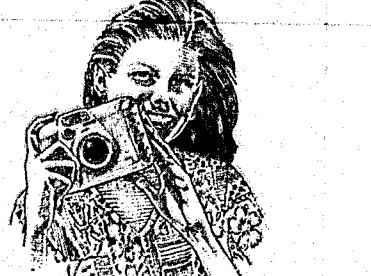
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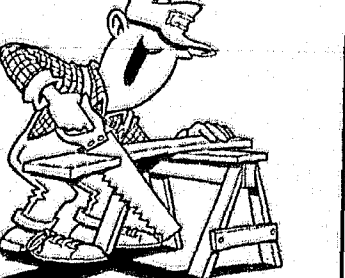
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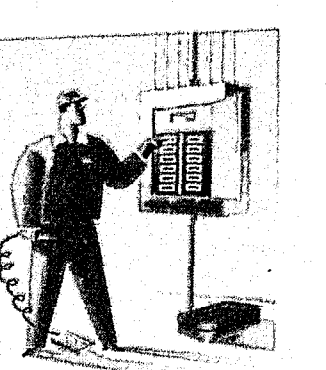
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Gould 51, Pine Tree 37; Jan. 8— Gould rebounded nicely after a tough Wayneville game. Taylor Peck-Moad led the Huskies with 17 points, while Shaq Jones added 7, Ron Ruiz 6, Will Bunge 6, Abe Bartlett 6 and Nate Brown and Alec Manning with 4 each.

Wayneville 73, Gould 33; Jan. 7—Gould had a tough second half in their first game since returning from break. After playing the Flyers to a 23-21 halftime score, Gould ran out of gas and Wayneville took advantage of many Husky turnovers to win handily. Will Bunge led Gould with 7 points.

Telstar 60, Mt. Abram 27; Jan. 6— Telstar scorers: Ben Field 19; Dan Vaughn 13; Corey Howard 10. Field had 8 rebounds.

Dirigo 45, Telstar 39; Jan. 3— Telstar scorers: Corey Howard 10; Ben Field 10, Vaughn had 9 rebounds.

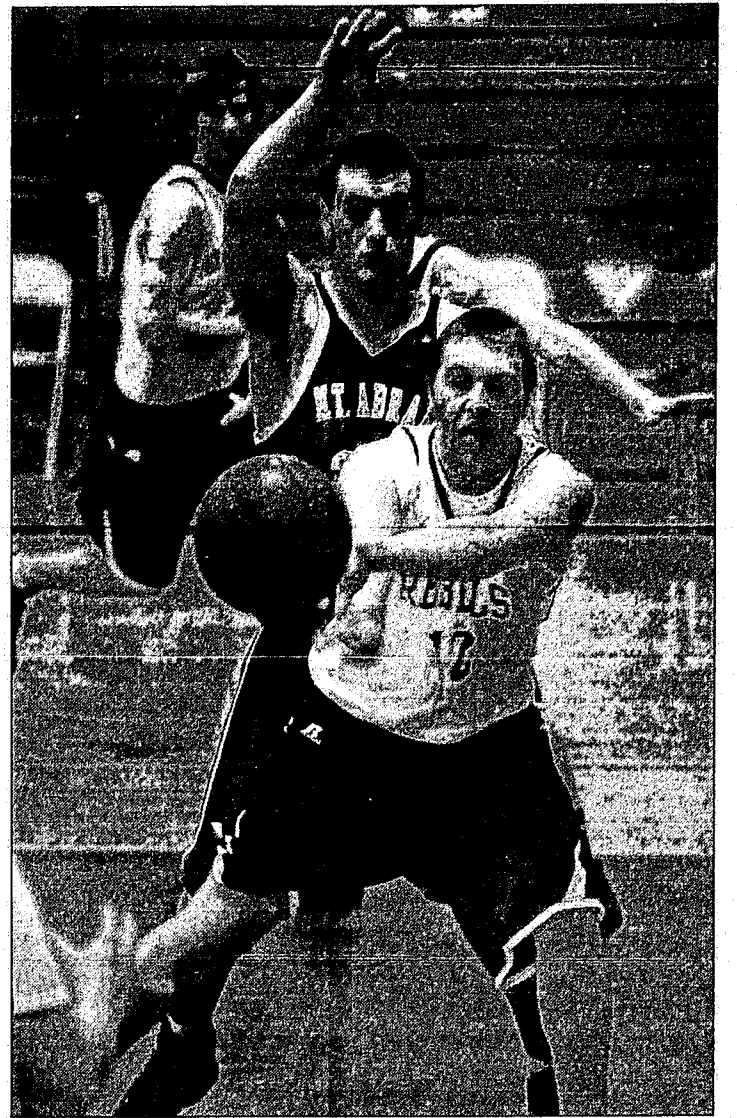
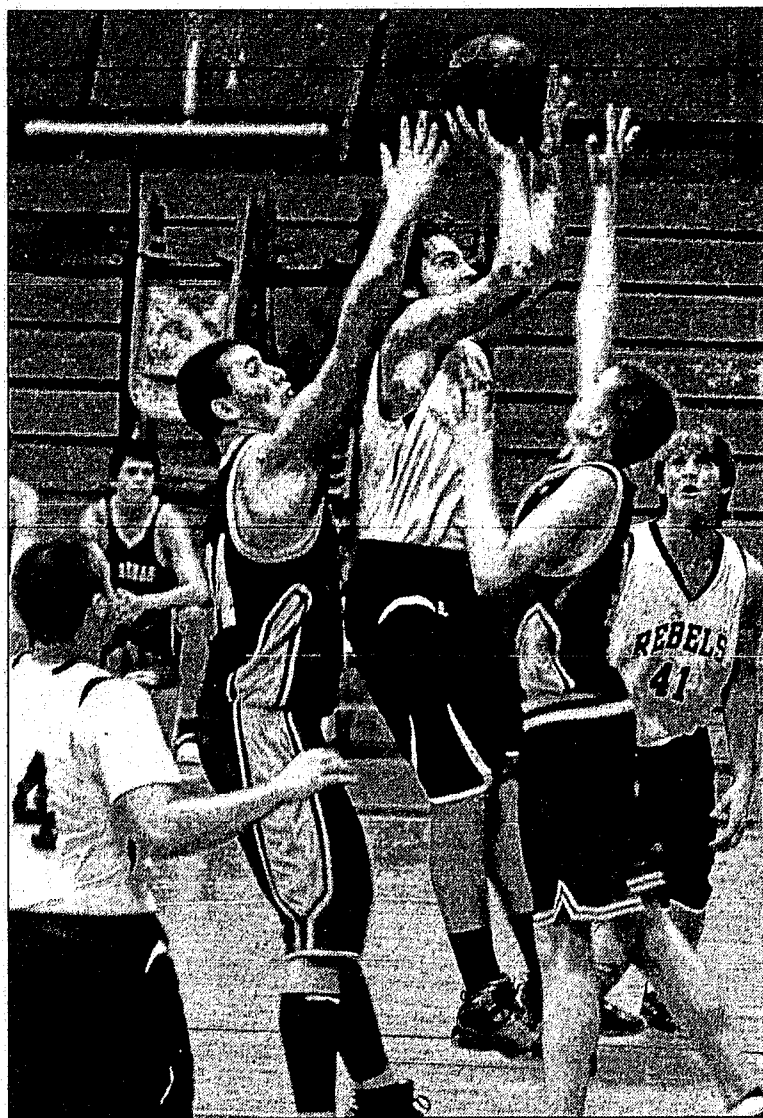
High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 78, Telstar 23; Jan. 10— Telstar's Emma Davis led the team with three 3 pointers, 15 boards, and 5 blocked shots. Hali Barter played her best game of the year with four points, a 3 pointer for Casey Blaszcak, and baskets by Nicena Walker and 13 boards, Cheyanne Day to go along with 18 boards, and Maisey Griffin. The Rebels were down 50-14 at half, but battled through to allow only 28 points in the second half. The Rebels conclude the first half of the season 0-9, but will look to improve for the second half.— Coach Mark Kenney

Mt. Abram 66, Telstar 43; Jan. 6— The Telstar Lady Rebels fell at home to the Mt. Abram Lady Roadrunners by a score of 66-43. The Rebels were overwhelmed by the full-court pressure in the start of the game and fell behind quickly by 15 points. The Rebels played hard and clawed their way back to a respectable finish scoring a season high total in team points. The Rebels were led by Cheyanne Day with 13 points, 12 boards, and 2 blocks, Emma Davis with 11 points, boards, and 2 blocks, and Casey Blaszcak with 6 points, 3 assists. The Rebels had 8 out of 11 players contribute to the scoring effort.— Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Madison 37, Telstar 31; Jan. 8— Telstar lost in overtime. The Rebels' Maverik Griffin and Cameran Pike led the team with 9 points each and David Pilgrim tossed in 8 pts. The team is now 1-5 for the year with many close games.— Coach Tim O'Connor



WINNING TECHNIQUES-Telstar defeated Mt. Abram last week 60-27. Above left, Dan Vaughn launches a jump shot. Above right, Cory Howard passes to a teammate. (Photos: A. Aioisto)

School Lunch

Week of Jan. 17

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School.
Tuesday: Chicken tenders, seasoned pasta, raw veggies/dip, potato stars, hot dog/roll, pizza choices
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, hamburger/bun, pizza choices.
Thursday: Italian dunkers, cheesy italian bread w/ meat sauce, chicken patty/bun.
Friday: Roast turkey roll up w/ stuffing and gravy, cranberry sauce, steamed peas, hamburger/bun, cook's choice sandwich, pizza choices.

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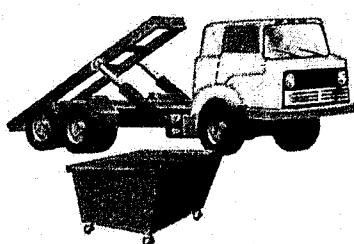
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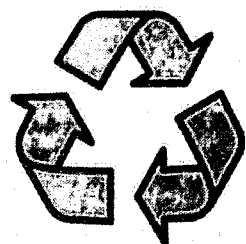
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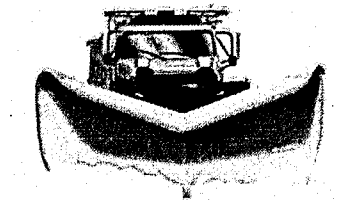
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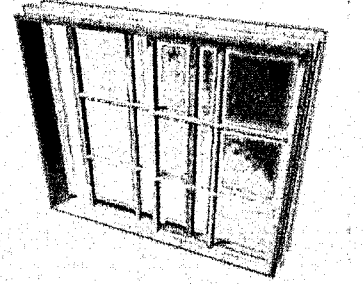
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Recent area real estate transactions

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Melinda Crane to Todd and Mary Wilson of Bryant Pond, land at 54 Wilson Road, \$10,000, Oct. 7, 2010.

Wayne and Becky Commings to Elizabeth A. Kramer (trustee) of Greenland, N.H., land and building at 153 Main Street, \$222,500, Oct. 12, 2010.

Savage Land Development to Anthony and Bethany Baublis of Westborough, Mass., land and buildings at 105 Oak Ridge Road, \$346,500, Oct. 12, 2010.

Agatha Kimball to Sunrise Mountain Properties of Mexico, unspecified, map 15, lot 022, \$100,000, Oct. 26, 2010.

Andover, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock listed no new reportable transactions.

About the listings:

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates. Timeshares and condominium transfers are not included.

Bonita Sessions Joins Four Seasons Realty



After 12 years, Apple Tree Realty has closed. I would like to thank all the clients we have served during that time. Although I am saddened at the end of an era, I am excited about the future.

I have joined the talented and successful staff of Four Seasons Realty at 32 Parkway Plaza in Bethel.

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If you have real estate or contractor information you'd like to submit for consideration, please e-mail news@bethelcitizen.com or call Michael Daniels at 207-824-2444.

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Pictured from L to R: Gary Williamson, Sally Harkins, Debbie Martin, Bonita Sessions and Holly Bancroft Brown.

Four Seasons Realty, located on the Bethel Parkway, continues to be a leader in the real estate market for the greater Bethel area, including Sunday River, Mt. Abram and surrounding lakes and rural areas. The year 2010 proved to be Four Season's best year to date, with over \$21 million in gross sales.

In addition, Gary Williamson and Sally Harkins were the top two performing agents in western Maine, according to information compiled by MREIS.

This agency is uniquely set up as a team to service a wide range of real estate needs. Whether it's the buyer looking for a primary home in the greater Bethel area, the second home buyer looking for a premier resort property or the person looking for a seasonal or vacation rental property.

The office team is made up of local people who pride themselves with in-depth knowledge of all Bethel's specific markets.

Four Seasons team includes Gary Williamson, Julia Williamson, Sally Harkins, Holly Bancroft Brown, Debbie Martin, Stacie Melanson and the newest member, Bonita Sessions.

Cold weather offers perfect opportunity to work on these projects

(ARA) - Although spring and summer are typically the seasons we focus on home improvement projects, there's no reason to put off projects or planning throughout colder months. If anything, it's the perfect way to spend time while hibernating indoors. From winterizing windows to laying new flooring, there are plenty of ways to keep improving your home year round.

When the seasons change, one of the best things a homeowner can do is an energy audit. Though it's nice to keep the windows open all summer, drafty doors and windows can amount to hundreds of dollars wasted on home heating costs during winter. An energy audit will help you find and fix problem areas, letting you save money for other projects.

During an energy audit, a contractor may use blower door tests to measure the air tightness of your home, infrared scanners to pinpoint heat leaks or even a simple walk-through to find places to improve your home's efficiency. Once problem spots have been identified, hanging plastic sheeting, caulking gaps and further insulating areas will translate to big savings on home heating costs.

While auditing the heat efficiency of each room of your house, keep an eye out for the quick fixes and small projects often put aside during the summer months. Though it is great to get outside and build a deck or retaining wall, big projects often overshadow simple tasks such as fixing outlets and sealing cracks. Use winter as time to knock the little things off the list.

For those who can't wait to get started, there are plenty of projects that can completely change your home without removing walls or installing an addition.

Introducing new color to a space will help fine-tune an interior's design or even completely reinvent a room. Winter is the perfect time to modernize your home's feel with new window treatments, lighting or flooring. New flooring will add both color and character to a room, and is easy to install during any season. Lumber Liquidators offers contemporary and timeless patterns for hardwood floors like Dream Home Plymouth Plank or Bellawood Brazilian Redwood, which can be installed year round.

Because winter may limit a homeowner's ability to complete some projects, it's a great time to plan for spring and summer home improvement projects. There are online tools such as the Home Renovator Suite from BobVila.com and Lumber Liquidators' Room Designer that allow homeowners to easily pull together their dream homes.

After all your projects, big or small, are completed, use the colder months to set a schedule for spring cleaning and home improvement. Setting an agenda will help you avoid having to rush through the summer to get projects done, and ensure you have the time to enjoy the rewards of your hard work.



FORECLOSURES ARE DECLINING IN MAINE

(Associated Press)

Officials say home foreclosures are falling in Maine.

Bureau of Financial Institutions Superintendent Lloyd LaFountain III says there were 265 mortgage loans being foreclosed upon by state-chartered banks during the third quarter of 2010, the three-month period from July through September. That number was down from 297 loans in foreclosure during the previous quarter.

LaFountain says it's the third straight quarter the numbers have fallen.

However, LaFountain cautions that his department is also seeing an increase in seriously delinquent mortgages, suggesting the foreclosure problem will persist this year.

Local Realtor / Rotarian Back from Nigeria



Local Bethel Rotarian and owner/broker of Dream Realty, Michele Perejda, recently returned from Nigeria, where she participated in an immunization campaign to eradicate Polio.

Based in Kaduna, Michele and the team of 18 immunized 10,480 children in 4 days. They also coordinated other service projects, including delivering medical and school supplies, painting school rooms, and sponsoring wheel chair bikes to Polio survivors in Jos, a Northern city of Nigeria. In Michele's words, "It was an eye-opening and life changing experience. It is difficult to articulate the extreme poverty and harsh conditions that these people live with. I have returned to my community thankful for everything!"

Michele is coordinating a benefit dinner and slide show with the Bethel Rotary and Diacocos. Bethel Rotary is also gearing for National Polio Awareness Month in February, and will be sponsoring local events and activities. Watch for the schedule of events.

Baby Cramping Space?

(ARA) - Wonderful things come in small packages, as every new parent can attest, but how do you organize all of the baby gear products that welcome your little bundle of joy home?

From cribs to high chairs to car seats, and everything in between, your essentials list seems to grow faster than your baby. Even important non-essentials like swings, bouncers and toys that help soothe and entertain your baby can also take up valuable space.

If space is at a premium in your home - or you want to save money - look for baby products that are transitional, multifunctional or interchangeable. Here are a few solutions that may work for you and your baby.

*** Convertible cribs** - There are several options for cribs that convert to toddler beds as your child grows - simply remove the sides and lower the frame to convert the crib into a bed. Some even convert into full-sized beds as your child continues to grow.

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Finding transitional or multifunctional products that you can use for your child from infancy to the time she begins walking and gaining newfound independence enables you to save space in your home. Plus, since you don't have to purchase multiple items, it's a great way to start saving for her college fund.

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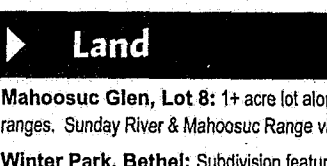
Millbrook Townhomes, 602/603: Uniquely designed townhouse on 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 2-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace and patio. Private entrance lets owner rent out a portion of the townhouse while using the other. Furnished. **\$304,000**



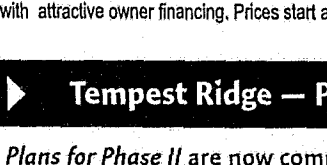
63 Appalachian Drive, The Peaks: This exceptionally built custom home has phenomenal views. The home has 4 BRs and 4 baths plus a 2-BR/2-bath lockout apartment with its own kitchen and living room with fireplace. Outdoor amenities include patio with fire pit, hot tub, screened porch and deck. **\$995,000**



57 Keystone Dr. Powder Ridge: 3,000-sq-ft home, artfully designed, sold fully furnished. 5 BRs, 3 baths. Kitchen has Viking range, pot filler, concrete countertops, walk-in pantry & more. 3-sided wood-burning fireplace in living rm, gas fireplace in master suite & family room. Sunday River views. **\$659,000**



5 Locks View Dr. Will View, Bethel: 3-BR, 2-bath log-sided chalet, 5 minutes to base lodges at Sunday River. Open living area with hardwood floors & gas fireplace. Beautiful kitchen with center island, stainless steel appliances & granite countertops. Finished daylight basement with family room. **\$279,000**



11 Breckenridge Rd. Powder Ridge: 4100 sq. ft. with 18 rooms including 5 BRs & 4 baths. Open floor plan, custom kitchen, large master suite with 2 walk-in closets, 2-story wood-burning fireplace, wrap-around cedar deck & stunning views. Interior designer-consulted, fully furnished with decor. **\$895,000**



511 North Road, Bethel: This upscale 4-BR, 2.5-bath home is on a beautifully landscaped lot minutes from downtown. The home features many recent updates, wood-burning fireplace, master suite, hot tub, in-ground pool, finished basement, and a 20x30-foot barn/workshop. **\$359,000**



Eden Ridge Townhomes, Bethel: Unit 1B - 3-BR/2.5-bath unit was recently reconstructed with a new floor plan & upgrades that include granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Also has a gas fireplace, garage and beautiful views. Within walking distance to downtown. **\$215,000**



269 Paradise Rd, Bethel: Stunning architecturally designed home on a premier lot with mountain views. Features beautiful crown molding, gourmet kitchen, expansive windows, traditional brick fireplace & hardwood floors throughout. Landscaped, stone walls & heated lap pool. **\$839,000**

Land

Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 8: 1+ acre lot along the 18th fairway. Convenient location off the main road, yet close to clubhouse, driving & putting ranges. Sunday River & Mahoosuc Range views. **\$179,000**

Winter Park, Bethel: Subdivision featuring premier building lots with spectacular mountain views and natural beauty. Several building packages are available through a local developer. 24 lots range in size from .94 - 3.22 acres and in price from **\$49,900 - \$99,900**.

130 Howe Hill Rd, Greenwood: 2.2-acre buildable lot with septic design included on the way to Mt. Abram. Close access to skiing, snowmobile trails and Round/South Pond. Lot is priced to sell quickly. **\$25,000**

Lot 40, The Peaks: 7.83-acre lot with gorgeous views of Sunday River's ski slopes and the Mahoosuc mountains. **\$269,000**

Taylor Woods, Bethel: The final phase of Taylor Woods subdivision, off the Intervale Road, is now being offered. Home sites are available with attractive owner financing. Prices start at **\$35,900**.

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Paradise Pines, Bethel \$209,000; Construction is complete! This new log-sided chalet is ready for occupancy. Located in a quiet, wooded subdivision just off Paradise Road, with filtered mountain views. Open concept design with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, unfinished walkout basement, nice deck and more! Be close to town yet nestled in the pines on this 1.13 acre lot.



Howe Hill, Greenwood \$152,500; Log sided chalet recently updated with views of Mt. Abram. Located across the street from the Westside Lodge, 2 car garage & deck. Cathedral ceilings with exposed beams & lots of pine finishings and new flooring!

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332/334	1 BR + LOFT	\$25,000
156	1 BR	\$27,000
337	2 BR	\$29,000
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Obituaries



ROBERT E. DUPILL II

Robert Edward Dupill II passed away at his home surrounded by his loving wife, daughters, and father on Christmas day, 2010.

Rob was born in Rumford, Maine on June 6, 1950, son of Robert Dupill Sr. and Gloria Stanley Dupill. He attended local schools and graduated from Stephens High School in 1969, where he was a standout athlete. Rob attended the University of Maine at Orono, where he excelled as a player on the football team, earning the Ironman Trophy in 1973. After graduating college with a degree in history, Rob became an educator and varsity football coach at Lewiston High School. Rob married the love of his life, Linda Shorey, in August 1978. His proudest accomplishment was raising their two daughters, Emily and Natalie.

In 1982, Rob took over Stanley's Furniture Mart from his parents, a family business that his grandfather started in 1936. This proved to be a perfect fit as Rob grew up in the furniture store and had always loved well-made furniture. Rob loved owning Stanley's and meeting and knowing thousands of customers over the years. He also loved his employees and treated them as members of his own family.

Rob was a true steward of his land. He devoted his life to making his property a wonderful place for family and friends. He single-handedly created gorgeous rock walls, ponds, flower and vegetable gardens, and waterfalls all over his ten acres of land. Rob was an avid organic gardener and produced an incredible bounty that was enjoyed by all his family, especially his wife and two daughters.

Rob was a devoted history buff, his specialty being local Maine history. He spent

many hours pouring over local historical texts and his family, friends, and customers always knew that Rob could tell them amazing facts about the towns they lived in.

Rob loved to travel and especially loved Aruba, where his parents lived for many years. Rob also loved to cook and enjoyed foods from all over the world. Throughout his entire life, Rob was a remarkable athlete. Rob loved to golf and ski and was an outstanding long-distance runner. Rob was running on his treadmill and using his weight machines right up until his last week.

Rob is survived by his loving wife, Linda, and two adoring daughters, Emily and Natalie. He is also survived by his father, Robert Dupill Sr. of Holiday, Fla., his grandmother, Maude Stanley of Rumford, and his brother, Marc Dupill of Belmont, N.H. He was predeceased by his mother, Gloria, and his brother, Gary.

The family would like to thank Tammy and Patti and all of the wonderful staff at the Rumford Hospital Oncology Suite for the exceptional care Rob received. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Rumford Hospital Oncology Suite in Rob's memory.

Rob was an eternal optimist and always saw the best in people. Rob truly loved his life and lived it to the fullest. His incredible generosity and spirit will always live on.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences, and fond memories with the Dupill family by visiting their guestbook at www.SGT-HibaultFuneralHome.com.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Parish of the Holy Savior, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford, ME. Spring interment will be in Demeritt Cemetery in Peru. In lieu of flowers contributions in Rob's memory may be made to the Oncology Department Rumford Hospital, 420 Franklin Street, Rumford, ME 04276.

ROBERT 'WOODY' GREEKE

Robert Woodrow (Woody) Greeke, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011 in Brunswick from complications due to pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Gloucester, Mass., on May 2, 1945 to Woodrow Lincoln Greeke and Cora Blanche (Lane) Greeke. He attended schools in Rockport and Gloucester where he was a member of the Class of 1963.

Fond memories of his childhood were the summers he spent with his grandparents in Rockport, where he would help deliver ice with his grandfather, Dana Lane, the last ice man in the town. He loved spending summer days at Back Beach, where he learned to swim with his father and older sister Marcia.

His deep love of the ocean led him to join the Gloucester Sea Scouts, where he reached the rank of Quarter Master, the equivalent of Eagle Scout. While he was in Sea Scouts, he developed a love of rowing which led him to compete and win in the International Dory Races between the U.S. and Canada. Despite a broken thole pin, Woody and his dory mate, Ronald Ottens, were the first American junior's division team to beat a Canadian team in Canada at the September 1963 race in Lunenburg. Woody competed in dory racing until the early 1970s. He continued competitive rowing in the St. Peter's Fiesta seine boat races as a member of the "All Beefers" team which won the race three consecutive years, the first team to do so.

Woody served in the United States Coast Guard, in both active duty and the reserves. A portion of his Coast Guard service was aboard the 225-foot Coast Guard Cutter Mendota, which was assigned to the International North Atlantic Weather Patrol, a multinational effort providing guidance to trans-Atlantic aircraft at a time which took at least 12 hours to make the crossing. There were approximately 15 North Atlantic stations (a ten mile square of the ocean). They were strung across the North Atlantic covering an area from Greenland to east of Bermuda. Woody covered them all.

On Aug. 28, 1971, he married his soul mate, Ellen Killilea, and for the next 39 years they shared many adventures together. They were frequently seen sailing in Gloucester in their beloved Triangle Class sailboat "Hyacinth." In 1975, Woody started the Cape Ann Dory Company. The business has continued through the ownership of his longtime friend, Geno Mondello.

Following several years of recreational dogsledding in Maine, Woody and Ellen decided to move to Andover, where they could spend more time pursuing the sport they loved. Not wanting to forget their connection to the ocean,

they named their kennel "Sea Wind." The size of their kennel increased to twenty-two registered Siberian huskies, many of whom were named after famous fishing schooners out of Gloucester. They raced all over New England and, while never winning a race, were one of the most photographed teams. Woody designed, built and sold hand-tied training and racing dog sleds.

Woody took advantage of all that the Maine woods had to offer including fly fishing, smelting, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sugaring off in the spring, raising pigs, ducks, geese and chickens, and cultivating large vegetable gardens.

While living in Andover, Woody began a residential and small commercial construction business. He also worked for Daniel Construction as the civil superintendent during a major construction project at Boise Cascade Paper Company in Rumford. He served as the town's Code Enforcement Officer, moderator at town meetings, Boy Scout leader for several years, and he was a member of the town's volunteer fire department.

On Dec. 5, 1981, Woody was raised to a Master Mason at Bethel Lodge No. 97. On Nov. 10, 1988 he was elected Worshipful Master of his lodge and served as Master for the 1989 year. He was also a member of Blazing Star Lodge No. 30 in Rumford, Royal Arch Masons Oxford Chapter No. 29, and Naomi Chapter No. 25, Order of the Eastern Star in Tenants Harbor.

He and his wife were very active at the Rumford Grange when they lived in western Maine, and last year received their certificates as twenty-five year members of the National Grange.

In 1998, they relocated to Tenants Harbor where his wife accepted a new position. Once again, the draw of the ocean made him feel at home. Having direct access to a tidal cove, Woody built a float so they could enjoy boating and swimming right from their own backyard.

In 2002, Woody attended the 50th anniversary of the International Dory Races in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where all the past and present rowers were recognized. The event rekindled many friendships and opportunities to travel back to Lunenburg.

He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Marcia

Baty; and his nephew, Ricky Greeke. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his loving sister Lola Lovett and her husband Gary of Gloucester, Mass.; two younger brothers, Timothy and Richard; several nieces and nephews; and special friends: Richard Medico, Gary Eisnor, Kip Bennett, Lester Perry and long-time friend and dory-mate for life, Ronald Ottens.

A sincere thank you is extended to the doctors and medical staff at Mid Coast Hospital and Maine Center for Cancer Medicine in Brunswick, and the Coastal Cancer Treatment Center in Bath. Their kindness and compassion during this difficult journey is appreciated.

At Woody's request, his ashes will be spread at sea in a private ceremony later in the spring. Should friends desire, memorial donations in Woody's name may be sent to: Humane Society of Knox County, P.O. Box 1294, Rockland, ME 04841.

Online condolences may be offered www.ripostafn.com.



NANCY KENNISON HAINES

Nancy Kennison Haines, 65, of Greenwood, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at her home after a short bout of cancer.

She was born in Rumford Nov. 9, 1945, the daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Patrie Kennison. She graduated from CMMC School of Nursing and had worked as a nurse and was a foster parent for many years. She enjoyed baking, animals, nature, flowers and the outdoors. She loved living on the water and was never tired of looking over the pond. Christmas was her favorite holiday season and she was fortunate

enough to make it home for Christmas. Family was very important to her, raising children and spending time with her grandchildren. She loved looking through the eyes of children. Nancy was in touch with her own spirituality.

Survivors include her significant other, Harvey Small of Greenwood; her children, Kenneth Cole and partner Jann Cox of Gilead, Shari Cole and partner Darlene Prejean of Arundel, Christina Haines Doucet and husband Rick of Turner, Beth Anne Haines of Mechanic Falls and Joseph Haines of Greenwood; brothers, Kenneth (Jamie) and Donna Kennison of West Paris, David and Anita Kennison of Norway, Erwin (Dooley) and Chris Kennison of South Paris, Peter and Cathy Kennison of Sumner, Herbert and Donna Kennison of Norway, Ralph and Diane Kennison of Mexico, Arnie and Kathy Kennison of West Paris, and Jeff and Michelle Kennison of Sumner; sisters, Loretta Crockett and husband Daniel of Auburn, Anna Buck and husband Leroy of Bethel, Helen Young and husband Allen of Norway, and Avis Gunther of North Carolina; grandchildren, Brittany Cole Field and husband Mike, Bronson Cole, Timeka Haines, Alysha Haines and David John Veinott. She had many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Haines; brother, Leroy Kennison; mother, Theresa Patrie Kennison Tallion; and her father, Kenneth Kennison.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church, with an informal gathering to be held after. Family and friends may call at the Andrews Funeral Home, 64 Andrews Road, South Woodstock, Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be sent to Responsible Pet Care, 132 Waterford Road, Norway, ME 04268, or Androscoggin Home Health Hospice House, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, ME 0421.

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Although I loved you dearly,
I couldn't make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
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God broke my heart to prove to me,
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